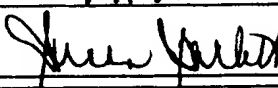


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REPLY

This is a response to the Office Action dated July 16, 2002 having a shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on October 16, 2002.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claims 1-19 are pending.

Claims 14-19 stand allowed.

Claims 1-5, 8, 10, 12 and 13 stand rejected.

Claims 6, 7, 9, and 11 stand objected to.